

# JUNE 1-2 REUNION SET!

## CONTACT

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**THREE BISHOPS** tour the campus just before receiving honorary degrees. They are (left to right): Most Revs. William R. Arnold, '96-'02, former chief of chaplains; John G. Bennett, '06-'09, of the Lafayette diocese; and Henry J. Grimmelsman, '07-'09, of the Evansville diocese.

### 11 Monsignori, 103 Priests Attend As Bishops Receive LL.D. Degree

Eleven monsignori and 103 priests attended a simple ceremony in which three bishops, all alumni of St. Joseph's, received the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws, May 8, from their Alma Mater.

The prelates were the Most Revs. William R. Arnold, D.D., '96-'02, titular bishop of Phocaea and delegate to the Military Ordinariate in New York; John G. Bennett, D.D., '06-'09, bishop of the diocese of Lafayette, and Henry J. Grimmelsman, D.D., '07-'09, bishop of the diocese of Evansville.

Bishop Arnold was celebrant at the Academic Pontifical High Mass in the college chapel.

Since the sermon was delivered on the Feast of the Patronage of St. Joseph, the Rev. Dr. Anthony B. Paluszak, C.P.P.S., '09-'15, used the occasion to number the blessings that the college has received through its patron.

A banquet following the Mass was in turn followed by a brief ceremony in which the degrees were conferred.

Father Paluszak, one of Bishop Bennett's former parishioners in Garrett, Ind., read the citation in

both Latin and English, which lauded the first bishop of the diocese of Lafayette for his work as a pastor.

His work as a military man was stressed in Bishop Arnold's citation, read by the Rev. Sylvester Hartman, '96-'02, classmate of the former chief of Chaplains and Major General. Bishop Arnold said that his 32-year Army career had its roots in the military training he had received on the campus.

Bishop Grimmelsman was praised for his work as an educator, in the citation read by the Rev. Ildephonsé Rapp, C.P.P.S., '93-'00. The former rector of Josephinum College said that he knows from his contacts with St. Joseph students on the campus, in Innsbruck, Austria, and at St. Mary's Seminary that they have an education which will enable them to compete with anyone scholastically.

### Plans Formed; Room for 200

Plans for the first post-war Homecoming were outlined as reservations began to reach the alumni office.

Dr. Walter J. Barth, '09-'13, of Chicago, was the first alumnus to make reservations; Edward H. Ernst, '10-'13, of Fort Wayne, was a close second.

A variety program will be presented in the college theater, Saturday night, June 1.

A Baccalaureate Mass will be sung at 8:30 a. m. Sunday, June 2, in the college chapel by the Very Rev. Msgr. John A. Sullivan, '00-'06, pastor of Holy Angels Church; Gary, who will also deliver the Baccalaureate Sermon.

According to present plans, the

business meeting will be held after the Mass.

The traditional alumni banquet is scheduled for Sunday noon.

High School commencement exercises will be held at 2 p. m., with the Very Rev. Dr. Henry A. Lucks, C.P.P.S., president, giving the Baccalaureate Address. There will be no formal college commencement because of such few seniors.

Personal letters of invitation have been sent to the six living members of the golden anniversary graduation class of 1896: Msgr. Thomas M. Conroy, Msgr. John F. Cogan, the Revs. Christian Daniel, Nicholas Greiwe, C.P.P.S., Bartholomew Besinger, C.P.P.S., and Mr. James Betsner.

There will be room for 200 alumni. Those planning to attend should write to the Rev. S. H. Ley, C.P.P.S. Unless reservations are made, accommodations will not be guaranteed. The reservation fee will be five dollars.

### RESEARCH EXPERT RETURNS

Problems of an agricultural nature will occupy the time of the Rev. Urban J. Siegrist, C.P.P.S., '25-'28, who recently returned to the St. Joseph faculty to conduct experiments pertaining to soil organisms, dairy products, and poultry. He has been conducting dairy products research for two and a half years, under direction of Dr. George S. Sperti, at Institutum Divi Thomae.

### Joins West Coast Social Service

BELLEVUE, O.—Jack Koechley, '35-'39, left recently for San Francisco, where he has accepted a position as psychiatric social worker with the Catholic Social Service of the Archdiocese of San Francisco.

A veteran of three years in service, Jack was educated at St. Joseph's College, Collegeville, Ind., and at the Catholic University of America, Washington, D. C.

### Peitz in Chicago

Charles J. Peitz, '38-'41, who will long be remembered on the campus for his sketches in Measure and Phase, is doing art work for Bill Richardson and Associates, an advertising company in Chicago. During the war, Captain Peitz was the commanding officer of a Field Artillery battery in the ETO.

### Announce Pursley Winner

A short story by Jack Ford, senior from Louisville, won the \$50 Mary J. Pursley Award for Creative Writing. This award is given annually by the Rev. Leo Pursley, '15-'21, in memory of his mother.



Rev. Urban J. Siegrist

### Hold Speech Meet

The Guedelhoff Oratory Award, donated annually by John Guedelhoff, '10-'13, of Indianapolis, was won this year by John Bosch, of Cleveland. Second prize went to Steve Almasy, of Parma, O.; third, to Paul Banet, of Fort Wayne. Subject of the winner's talk, Six Foot Apostle, was Bishop William Arnold, former chief of chaplains.



# A Look Ahead

Like the invigorating rain that is falling this afternoon, the thought of the approaching first post-war gathering of alumni is stimulating. Dozens and dozens of letters came to the alumni office desk during hostilities—hopeful letters, filled with nostalgia, all looking toward this day. Now it is to be a reality.

Holding the celebration together with graduation, a change from the practice of more recent years, will pack the second day with activities. But there will be time for all, and the privilege of attending Commencement, 1946, will be welcomed.

"The old order changeth." Few were the amendments to the original constitution of the alumni association, adopted fifty years ago. It served its purpose well for a long time, but it was written for a different group of graduates and was in need of revision. Before this was attempted, the minutes of the annual meetings of the association were perused diligently to catch the spirit expressed through the years.

A vigorous spirit manifested then has grown since those first graduates, whom we will honor June 1-2, drew up the first draft of the constitution. The outlook is exceptionally promising.

In keeping with this spirit, CONTACT becomes a monthly review, with no interruptions during the summer months. Plans are under way, too, to make Measure, up to this time a strictly student literary quarterly, a combined alumni-student magazine. Our aim is to let the students of today profit by the experience of their older brothers, who have successfully built on the training they received at St. Joe.

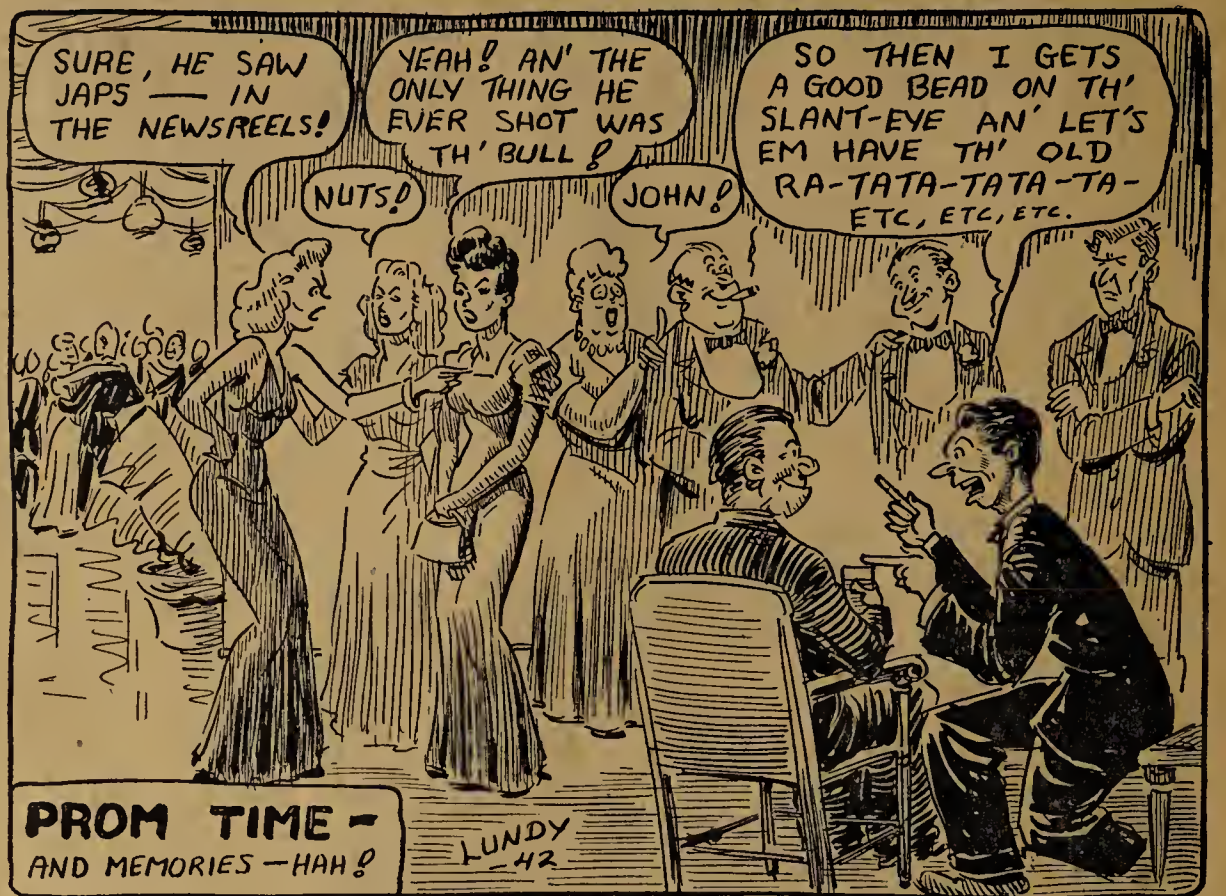
Tomorrow the rain may not be falling. The fertility and the growth and the bountiful harvest, however, of which this afternoon's shower gives promise, is symbolic of that fecundity and enlargement and influence for good which is the blessed achievement St. Joseph's must reach through her students of yesterday, today, and the future.

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## 1896: The First Commencement

Six Monon trains chuffed into the station that day, disembarking passengers bound for the campus. Many stayed there overnight. When the college was filled, the hack drivers let off their charges at the Makeever Hotel, in town. It was June 15, 1896.

In the basement of the college, twelve of the older men, the first graduates, packed their bags. Down by the pond, a quartet of undergraduates, their arms entwined on each other's shoulders, struck a few experimental notes, and began to sing:

"O well we know what these three mean,  
The red, the white, the hopeful green,  
The type of love, of purity,  
With hope our sweet security. . ."

It was the new college's song, the hymn of loyalty for the followers of the red, the white, the hopeful green. . .

There was a whistle, a flash of uniforms, a rattle of muskets and bayonets. The band and the military battalion formed in front of the armory at three o'clock. Aide de camp Eberle led the contingent down to the willows, where the line of hacks coming out from the station was met and escorted to the main entrance. The boys in blue faced left and right in front of the main entrance. The band played. The bishop and attending priests walked up between the guards. At the base of the stone steps they were greeted by Father Benedict Boebner, the acting rector, and the faculty of ten.

"A truly glorious day, a milestone in the life of a great man," said Bishop Rademacher, taking in the scene.

"Yes," said Father Benedict. "Father Augustine would like this. Father Augustine Seifert's tireless spirit made this day possible."

Next morning, the first Solemn Pontifical High Mass ever sung on the campus was more than a baccalaureate Mass. It was also Confirmation Day for five collegians and seven Indian-school students from across the road. In his sermon, the Rev. J. F. Delaney of St. Patrick's, Fort Wayne, said the college "now puts off the trappings of youth to as-

sume the honors and dignity of Motherhood."

The zero hour was at seven-thirty in the evening for the twelve graduates, ten of whom appeared in the commencement program. After the opening overture, John C. Wakefer arose from the graduates' circle and delivered the Salutatory. James J. Betsner gave the story of the class of '96. The Latin address by Joseph R. Wechter was next. And here the old Collegian tells some of the story:

"Wechter's Latin address was a worthy effort. . .the next number was a vocal solo by Edward J. Mungovan, of the class of '97, who sang the "Seven Ages of Man" in a manner that called forth applause and brought him to the footlights a second time. . .the class Essay, by Nicholas Greiwe, showed much study and reflection. . .the Greek discourse by Christian Daniel also received favorable comment from those able to judge.

"Joseph Abel's German address was admittedly one of the best of the evening. . . then came Our Ideals, the class oration by Thomas M. Conroy. . .the same graceful, well-rounded oration that Conroy's have always been. . .the honors were done in French by Bartholomew Besinger.

"Religion, like the kingly sun of day, possesses as its worthy satellite, the silv'ry moon of night. . .Scientia, the bulwark of a nation, is Knowledge with Morality Replete. . ." (It was James B. Fitzpatrick's Class Poem).

John F. Cogan ascended the stage for the Valedictory. . ."There are no distinguished alumni. . .we are the Old Boys of St. Joseph's. . .we are her hope. . .to us future students will look for encouragement. . .who of us would exchange the hopes we entertain of a glorious future for our Alma Mater for the past of any college in the land?"

Exactly fifty years have passed, and six of the original "Old Boys of St. Joseph's" still live. It was they who stayed on the campus after the First Commencement and drew up the charter for the Alumni Association. It is they whom alumni will honor June 1 and 2.



## Campus, Visitors Fete Jubilarian

Relatives and friends of The Rev. Dr. Anthony B. Paluszak, C.P.P.S., '09-'15, gathered on the campus May 1 to celebrate the 25th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood.

The 32-piece college band and 52-voice glee club joined talents to dedicate their Spring Musicale to the jubilarian.

The Most Rev. John G. Bennett, D.D., '06-'09, bishop of the diocese of Lafayette, presided at the Solemn High Mass sung by Father Paluszak. The Rev. Dr. Joseph Hiller, C.P.P.S., '13-'19, was deacon; the Rev. Alfred Zanolar, C.P.P.S., '25-'27, subdeacon; the Very Rev. Dr. Henry Lucks, C.P.P.S., '15-'21, assistant priest; the Rev. Ildephonse Rapp, C.P.P.S., '93-'00, chaplain, and the Rev. Sylvester Hartman, C.P.P.S., '96-'02, chaplain. The sermon was delivered by the Rev. Victor Wagner, C.P.P.S., '07-'11, of Bryant, Ind.

One hundred and fifty persons attended a banquet given in honor of the jubilarian.

## Heads New Parish At Munster, Ill.

Father Robert B. Weis, '24-'30, is pastor of the newest parish in the Diocese of Ft. Wayne, St. Thomas More, Munster. At 10:30 Sunday morning, Feb. 24, he celebrated the first High Mass, pupils of St. Mary's High School, Grif-fith, where he had been assistant, singing.

The new church seats 130 persons. Construction began in December, 1945, and was undertaken by an almost entirely volunteer group of parishioners. The building is temporary. It is located on Calumet Ave., just south of the intersection with Ridge Road.

### Is CONTACT Diverting?

Reading the latest issue of CONTACT is a diversion for George T. Adams, '40-'42, when he isn't filling prescriptions at the Adams Pharmacy, 1300 W. Fifth Ave., Gary.

## China Report: 'Old Peff' Joins Regular Marines, Stays 'Over'

One of the original class of '45 who will not be on the campus next September is Lt. J. G. Pfeffer, U. S. M. C. R., '41-'43. Jack has signed up with the Marines permanently. In his own words, "The ole Peff is now a member of the Marine Corps for good."

Living in Lima, Ohio, when he attended St. Joe, he is now Company Commander of B Co., 1st Bn., 5th Marines, First Marine Division, c/o FPO, San Francisco,

## Labor Editor's Degree Nears

That Master of Arts Degree from the Marquette University Graduate School of Journalism is almost in the bag for Vince Giese, '41-'45. He writes as follows:

Yesterday I was informed that my thesis outline has passed the Graduate School censor, and I also filled out red tape down to the size of graduation gown and how I want my name on the diploma.

Vince's brother Clarence plans to enroll at St. Joe for two years of liberal arts before going to art school. The former editor of Stuff himself got away from his Labor monthly editing and other sundry duties long enough for two or three days at home shortly after Easter. There he spent a big night over old times with Fred Berghoff and Jim Shields.

## Prom Comes Back Colorful as Ever

The Spring Prom, absent from the campus social calendar during the war years, came back as colorful as ever, May 4.

Alumni present were: Vincent Beckman, '39-'40; Richard Cody, '37-'41; John Labadie, '33-'35; Thomas Anderson, '36-'40; George Lundy, '39-'42; Robert Conley, '37-'41; Gerald McCarthy, '40-'43; Francis Kuhajda, '42-'45; Donald Vogt, '40-'45; Joseph Faulkner, '38-'41; Richard Scharf, '34-'38; Richard Scheiber, '37-'41; Edward Fischer, '28-'34.

## 27 Answer Spring Practice Summons

Twenty-seven candidates reported for Spring football practice, April 29, the first held on the campus since 1942.

Concurrently with the opening of spring training, the Rev. Edward Roof, C.P.P.S., director of athletics, announced the addition of another home game—St. Norbert, of West DePere, Wis., here Nov. 17—to the six-game Puma schedule.

Calif. Present location, China. He expects to leave China before this summer is over, and he hopes to go to Guam or Hawaii. Automatically, he will remain overseas until June, 1947.

Jack's pitching arm isn't being wasted. He writes: "We have a gym up on top of the officers' quarters, and I pitch for the officers' ball team four times each week. I'll come home built like Skrabacz."

## George Has a Studio on the Side

## 'TIMES' GETS LUNDY

George Lundy, '39-'42, the artist who sketched many cartoons for the student newspaper and who for the past two years has been drawing cartoons for the alumni publication, is out of the army and in the art department of the Chicago Times. He is also manager of the Colonial Studios, Chicago. In the latter capacity he photographed the Spring Prom on May 4.

As a captain, the former St. Joe journalism student was in the

Public Relations Section of General Hodges' First Army. He supervised all photographic coverage of news and publicity for First Army Headquarters and directed the release of news and publicity to the press associations and newspapers. He also acted as liaison officer between the press and First Army Headquarters.

With his wife and daughter, Noreen Ann, he lives at 722 Aldine Avenue, Chicago.

## Clearing Up 1914 Raleigh Election

This is from Joe Costin, '17, over in Peru, Ind.:

"You asked about J. McCaffrey, formerly of Peru. He passed away in New York City seven or eight years ago. The last heard from Silverstein was that he is in Chicago."

(Thanks, Joe. That clears up the Raleigh Club election of 1914.)

## Many Moves Marked His Naval Career

Ted Nowak has finished a tour of 41 months with the Navy as a pharmacist's mate, he reported during his visit of March 11.

Now wearing the golden bird, he felt like qualifying as a traveling pill-doctor. He went from Pensacola, Fla., to Philadelphia to Great Lakes, Ill., to Bainbridge, Md., to Camp Peary, Va., to Portsmouth, Va., to San Bruno, Cal., for instance. A former Puma gridder, he hopes to start completing his phy ed studies next fall.

## Three Invitations Hard to Refuse

Clumsy fingers slipped three return cards into the envelope with the invitation to the conferring of honorary degrees on our three bishop-alumni sent to Father Walter A. Roth, C.P.P.S., '31-'35. He returned them all duly inscribed: (1) Thanks for; (2) the triple; (3) invitation.

Thanks for the office smile promoted, Fr. Roth! Sorry you thought LaCrosse too far to make the trip.

### Jubilee at Carthage

Faculty and students of St. Charles Seminary, Carthage, Ohio, extended felicitations to the Very Rev. John Kostik, C.P.P.S., '09-'15, May 5, on the occasion of his silver anniversary in the priesthood. Father Alexius Schutte, C.P.P.S., '97-'03, preached the congratulatory sermon.

## Academy Chaplain Has Anniversary

A Solemn Mass offered on the stage of Our Lady of Longwood Academy, where he is chaplain, was the beginning of the Rev. Eugene Omlor's, '10-'15, celebration of his silver anniversary in the priesthood. Father John Raycroft, '12-'18, and Father Boniface Dreiling, '26-'31, were the ministri. A classmate, Father John Kostik, preached.

While Father Omlor was having coffee, the stage was set for a variety program in his honor. Unique in the gifts presented was a corsage of twenty-five silver dollars dating from the year of his ordination in 1921 consecutively to 1946.

## Long Time Since Good Old Days

One reason why Ed Siefer, '32-'33, feels that "It's a long time since the good old days at St. Joe" is that he was called to service in the Army toward the end of the war. As a mail clerk he is still deep in the heart of Texas.

You reach Pvt. Siefer at Squad-E, Dept. 27, Sheppard Field, Texas. There was folding money in his letter.

## "Straw Missionary"

"Just a straw missionary so far," was Father William Dougherty's ('35-'37) comment when he stopped for dinner, May 10. That's the name given usually to recently ordained men who remain at St. Charles Seminary temporarily for emergency calls. Father Bill and his class ascended the altar for the first time last February.

### Gay Holds Two Jobs

Working for the Army as a civilian, Bill Gay, '39-'42, keeps from forgetting completely those long days and nights at Selfridge Field, Mich. Weekdays he has a clerical job for the Fort Wayne Ordnance Depot in Detroit; weekends, he broadcasts over WEXL.





**THIS IS NOT** a picture of a priest looking at himself in a mirror. It is a picture of the Guillozet brothers, identical twins, standing in a doorway. Father Raymond, '25-'30, (at left—we think) took time off from his duties at St. Joseph's Church, Hamilton, O., to visit the campus, where Father Edmund, '25-'29, is assistant professor of romance languages.

## Requiescat

Carl A. Schmidt, '13-'17, died Friday afternoon, May 10, in his home at 741 Woodlawn Ave., La Grange Park, Ill. He leaves a widow, Gertrude, and two daughters, Barbara and Carol, aged seven and five respectively. Father S. H. Ley celebrated the funeral Mass in SS. Peter and Paul Church, Naperville, the following Monday morning. Carl was president of the John A. Schmidt Investment Company, Chicago.

## Lapsys Back Home After Foreign Tour

The former executive and engineering officer of a rocket-firing L.C.I. reported new lowdowns on the Pacific invasions, April 20. He was Stan Lapsys, '39-'43, a naval lieutenant (jg) en route to Great Lakes for temporary duty and separation.

The former Puma quarterback logged seventeen months of duty with the amphibious forces. His ship figured in the Morotai, Leyte, and New Guinea invasions. Later it moved troops from Leyte to Ormoc. Stan's headquarters soon will be 4203 West Augusta Blvd., Chicago 51.

## Ordination Date Will Be June 8

Invitations to the ordination and First Holy Mass of the Rev. James F. McNaughton, '38-'41, appeared on the campus May 15. Since leaving St. Joseph's, Father McNaughton has attended St. Francis Seminary, Milwaukee. His ordination date is June 8; that of his First Solemn Mass, June 16, in St. Andrew's Cathedral, Grand Rapids, Mich.

## Bishops Preside At Investiture

At least 15 monsignori and 75 priests attended the solemn investiture of the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Mungovan, '91-'97, as Prothonotary Apostolic, Sunday, May 12, at All Saints Church, Hammond, Ind. Vicar General of the Diocese of Ft. Wayne, Msgr. Mungovan, is pastor of All Saints.

Immediately after the ceremony of investiture, Msgr. Mungovan offered Solemn Pontifical High Mass, the principal privilege granted to those who receive this high distinction. Their Excellencies, the Most Revs. John Francis Noll, D.D., and William R. Arnold, D.D., '96-'02, were in the sanctuary.

Sunday, May 12, was also the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of All Saints parish. That would have made it a double celebration, but since Msgr. Mungovan has been pastor for the past seventeen years, this was also observed.

Msgr. Mungovan built the present church in 1930. He has been Vicar General of the Diocese of Ft. Wayne since March 12, 1940.

## Three Years of Med School Lie Ahead

Three years of St. Louis U. med school are ahead for Tom Burger, '42-'44, who visited the campus April 30. The former Navy V-12 student went on inactive duty March 15, after duty at Villanova and St. Louis U. Tom will spend the summer at 493 South Washington St., Tiffin, O.

## Cavey Wed May 18

Ensign Robert E. Cavey, '40-'43, and Miss Mary Jane Lewis, were married May 18 in St. Joseph's Church, Waukesha, Wis.

## Peru Pastor Now Papal Chamberlain

Waiting from last fall until May 14 to be invested in the robes of a Papal Chamberlain paid dividends for Msgr. Paul A. Welsh, '99-'03, pastor of St. Charles Church, Peru, Ind. Not only was his former seminary roommate, Bishop Arnold, present to sing the Solemn Pontifical High Mass, but his own Bishop Bennett conducted the investiture ceremony, and Bishop O'Hara of Buffalo preached the sermon.

Msgr. Welsh has been pastor of Peru since 1933. The V. Rev. Henry A. Lucks, president, and the Rev. C. G. Kern, registrar, attended from St. Joseph's College.

## Hill Requests Transcript

A transcript of credits left the registrar's office May 15 for the University of Louisville. It was sent at the request of Clement Hill, '41-'42. Clem plans to attend summer school at the U. of L. He is from Lebanon, Ky.

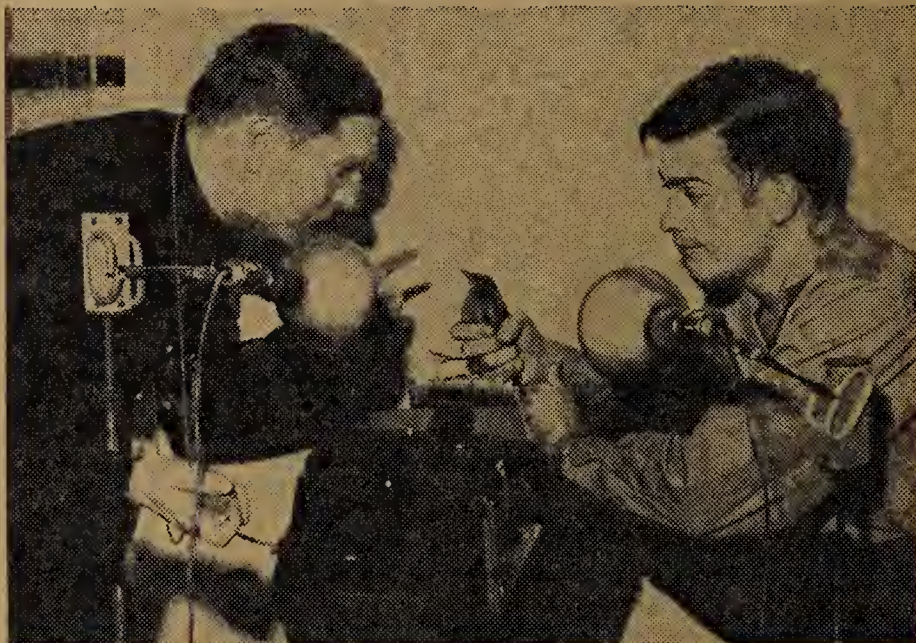
## Fr. Pessefall

Lymphatic Leucaemia caused the death of the Rev. Albert C. Pessefall, '08-'14, Thursday, May 9, at Mercy Hospital, Toledo. In failing health for the last four years, he had been in the hospital the last time for two weeks. Father Pessefall was pastor of St. Paul's parish, Norwalk, since 1942.

## Okinawa Marine Pays a Visit

A brief part of Ted Swierczek's ('40-'43) terminal leave was spent on the campus, May 9. As a Marine Corps officer he left the states in December, 1944, and rendezvoused with the First Marine Division in the Russell Islands.

After taking part in the Okinawa invasion and the China campaign, Ted arrived in San Diego last Easter Sunday. He was on his way home to 612 North 6th St., East St. Louis, Ill., and plans to take up the study of veterinary medicine.



Bird banding and bird portraiture are hobbies of the Rev. John Baechle, '25-'30, shown here in the novel occupation of trying to make a bird "watch the birdie."

Paul Banet (right), Ft. Wayne G. I. student, holds the robin.

The portrait of the cardinal in the adjoining column is a sample of Father Baechle's work. Incidentally, this cardinal has been found in the traps of the St. Joseph's College banding station each spring for five consecutive years. During that time, Father Baechle banded 9,000 birds, representing 76 species.

As scientist and photographer, Father Baechle has had illustrated articles in such publications as *Mhicam*, *Popular Astronomy*, *Our Dumb Animals Magazine*, *The American Biology Teacher*, *Frontiers Magazine*, *Nature Magazine*, *Science News Letter*, *Turtlox News*, *U. S. Camera*, *Photo Technique*, *Everyday Photography*, *Natural History Magazine*, and *Popular Science Monthly*.

